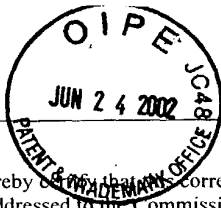


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment and remarks into the above-identified patent application.

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Before "**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**," please insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of a co-pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "Flash Toaster for Reading Several Types of Flash-Memory Cards With or Without a

PC," Serial No. 09/610,904, filed on July 6, 2000.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to properly show the relationship between this patent application and patent application serial no. 09/610,904.

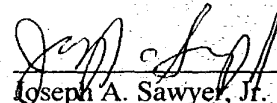
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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